superannuation by the Vice-Chancellor whose term expires in less than 18th months;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Registrar has been given special permission to enrol himself for Ph. D. in his own University without taking study leave in violation of academic norms, University statutes and ordinances; and

(d) what corrective action is proposed by Government to ensure the observance of norms and rules by this premier University of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) On his appointment as Registrar in the scale of Rs. 1500-2000, he suffered financial loss as compared to the emoluments drawn by him in his previous employment. As the University had made a commitment at the time of his selection to protect his financial insterests, he was placed with the approval of Government, in the higher scale of Rs. 2000-2250 as personal to him. When the scale of pay of the post of Registrars of all the Central Universities was revised his pay was refixed by the University.

(b) The Registrar was selected as a Principal of a College affiliated to the University of Delhi. While considering his request for the grant of Extra-ordinary leave/Lien for taking up his new assignment, the Executive Council, which is the competent authority to make appointment to the post of Registrar, decided to re-employ him for a period of three years from the date of his superannuation in order to retain his services, in the interest of the University.

(c) According to the University, its Ordinances permit registration of employed candidates for Ph. D. programmes. The Registrar was enrolled for a Ph. D. programme in accordance with these provisions. He has since withdrawn from the Ph. D. programme.

(d) According to the JNU Act, the Visitor can annul any proceedings of the University which are not in conformity with the provisions of the Act, the Statutes and the Ordinances. The decisions taken by the University in these cases do not violate the provisions of the Act, Statutes and Ordinances.

Plagiarism by a Professor in Centre of Soviet Studies, JNU

2097. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a charge of plagiarism was levelled against a Professor in the centre of Soviet Studies, JNU;

(b) whether an enquiry was instituted into this matter;

(c) if so, the name of the Enquiry Officer and his specific findings in respect of exact portions alleged to have been copied out from a book by a Soviet author;

(d) whether it is a fact that the disertation of a JNU student was annulled for plagiarism; and

(e) whether Government are in agreement with the university's approach that plagiarism by a Professor was not a matter of violation of professional ethics and has to be proceeded against in terms of copy-right infringement only?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Chairman of the Centre for Soviet and East European Studies who looked into this allega-

tion felt that the charge of plagiarism is not substantiated. He expressed the view that the article attempts an analysis of a possible frame-work of enquiry, which necessarily required taking into account well-known concepts. One of such concept is democratic centralism, on which Afanasyev is an acknowleged authority. A mere use of a well-known concept does not amount to plagiarism.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Extension of Term of V. C., JNU

2098. SHRI SHARAD YADAV: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Vice-Chancellor, Jawahar Lal Nehru University (JNU) got his term as Professor in that University extended by the Executive Council beyond the superannuation agefalling due in about six months; and

(b) if so, whether it is a violation of the university statutes and ordinances which do not permit a retired person to hold any administrative post on re-employment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As Professor P. N. Srivastava would Join as re-employed Professor after relinquishing the charge of the Officce of the Vice-Chancellor, there is no violation of the relevant ordinance, which provides that a teacher re-employed after attaining the age of 60 years shall not hold the appointment of Head of the Centre/ Department or Dean of the School or any other administrative post such as Chief Proctor, Provost, Dean of Students etc.

Adverse Effect of Tewda Dal

2099. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of tribals of Madhya Pradesh who have been affected by paralysis or other diseases after consuming tewda dal during the last three years; and

(b) what action Government propose to take to stop cultivation and trading of tewda dal in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) As per information made available by Director of Health Services, Bhopal, no person is suffering from paralysis/ lathyrism of recent origin within 3 years in the State of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) The Government of Madhya Pradesh have initiated steps to replace Tewda Dal (Kesari Dal) cultivation with other pulses in phased manner with the help of Central Assistance, available under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Development of Pulses. Sales of Kesari Dal in any form is, however, banned under the provisions of rule 44-A of Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. The notification to this effect is to be issued by the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

Cancellation of Trains

2100. SHRI J. P. GOYAL:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI TALARI MANOHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on November 9, 1986 a large number of